

DISTRICT II ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes – September 11, 2000

The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Patrol East Substation, 350 S. Edgemoor.

Members Present

David Babich
Michele Chauncey
John Fuller*
Alice James
Shirley Jefferson
Susan Leasure
Mike Pompeo

Members Absent

Tom Byrne
Tod Ford
Charlotte Foster
Mary Herrin
George Laham
Eric Russell*
Council Member Joe Pisciotte

Guests

Pat Greenway, Make-A-Wish
Deb Legge, OCI
Joe Pajor, Public Works
Pat Reel, 142 N. Quentin
Regina Sinclair, MDA
Randy Sparkman, OCI

* Denotes alternate DAB member

1st Chair Pro Tem Michele Chauncey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Susan Leasure (Shirley Jefferson) moved that the minutes of the August 11, 2000 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion passed (6-0).

Susan Leasure (David Babich) moved the agenda be approved as submitted. The motion passed (6-0).

No items were submitted for the unfinished business, planning or traffic agenda.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Pat Reel, 142 N. Quentin, requested permission to speak concerning potential expansion of the Blessed Sacrament Church. Residents of the area near the church are concerned with Blessed Sacrament attempting to purchase surrounding properties in order to expand their facilities. **Reel** stated the project has not been presented to the community and the residents of the area are worried the parish will not inform the public of any plans.

David Babich remarked that the plans for the project are being changed. Once the plans are finalized the project will be presented to the parish and the surrounding neighborhood. **Michele Chauncey** advised **Reel** to remain in contact with the College Hill Neighborhood Association. This particular neighborhood association has been very active in the past and is a valuable resource for residents of College Hill.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Charitable Solicitation on Public Rights of Way

Pat Greenway, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and **Regina Sinclair**, Muscular Dystrophy Association, discussed the City of Wichita's plan to enforce ordinances prohibiting street corner solicitation. **Greenway** stated the need for charitable organizations to raise funds through this form of solicitation and that enforcement of the ordinance would result in a marked decrease of funds raised in our communities. **Greenway** suggested a permit system be adopted. This would require groups wanting to solicit funds to: 1) register with the State of Kansas; 2) be licensed by the City of Wichita; 3) possess liability insurance; 4) provide training to those individuals soliciting funds.

Regina Sinclair discussed the MDA's Boot Block campaign and the loss of funds due to firefighters not being allowed to boot block at major intersections this year. In 1999 MDA raised \$16,548 from its Boot Block campaign held annually over Labor Day weekend. This year MDA only raised \$4,640 during its campaign. A difference of \$11,908. This could be attributed to the not being allowed to Boot Block at major intersections and having to raise funds at local stores.

The District II Advisory Board agreed to review the item again prior to making a recommendation. **Shirley Jefferson** requested an official recommendation from Make-A-Wish and MDA. **Jefferson** also expressed the need for the official positions of Public Works Director **Steve Lackey** and Fire Chief **Larry Garcia**.

Action: Deferred to next meeting.

2. Office of Central Inspection

Deb Legge, Neighborhood Inspection Supervisor, and **Randy Sparkman**, Zoning Licensing and Signs supervisor presented information concerning the Office of Central Inspection (OCI) and the role of Neighborhood Inspection within that office.

OCI's mission is to promote, enhance and ensure a safe, sanitary, and healthy environment for every building in which Wichitans live and work, and to promote, enhance and ensure strong, stable and healthy neighborhoods throughout Wichita.

Neighborhood Inspection is the Housing Code and residential Zoning Code enforcement section of the Office of Central Inspection. This section also is responsible for: the coordination of graffiti removal; coordination of Neighborhood Cleanups; and the removal of dangerous buildings. Neighborhood Inspectors enforce the minimum Housing Code and the residential requirements of the Unified Zoning Code.

Action: Received and filed.

3. Management of City Solid Waste and Storm Debris after Brooks Landfill Closes

Joe Pajor, Director of Natural Resources, Public Works, identified solid waste and storm debris issues that will impact citizens of Wichita after the closing of Brooks Landfill on October 9, 2001. (Board Members previously received printed information.) At that date, the landfill permit expires and Brooks will no longer be available for the disposal of City generated waste. As a result, difficult funding decisions will be faced.

Pajor explained that waste generated by normal City operations accounts for nearly 78,000 total tons annually disposed at Brooks. He stated that the figure does not include storm debris; it is predominantly (88%) from street cleanup. Because the disposal costs are currently covered through the gate tipping fees, there is no direct cost to the City for the majority of the waste.

The only direct cost for disposing at Brooks is currently \$44,000 for tree waste. But, Pajor pointed out that tree waste accounts for only 2% of the total City waste disposed at Brooks with some tree waste being recycled through the compost facility. With the closing of Brooks Landfill, the future cost to the City for disposing of all City-generated waste is projected to range from \$1,986,000-- \$3,481,000. In an attempt to reduce costs, the City is currently attempting to site a construction debris landfill due to handle the waste from construction and debris generated by City projects.

An additional issue is the occasional cleanup conducted by the City for cleanup and disposal from major storm damage, such as tornadoes and snow/ice. Based on area, 30% of storm cleanup comes from right of way (public area) tree waste while 70% is waste from private property that has been placed on the curb for pickup. Although the landfill disposal cost from these cleanups is currently included in the tipping fee for disposal, the City will be required to pay for disposal costs for this type of cleanup in the future and will most likely be limited on how much cleanup assistance could be provided.

The City will lose approximately \$2 million annually from the revenue generated by the \$26.00 per ton tipping fee, Pajor stated. In addition, the cost for utilizing a transfer station—the disposal alternative adopted by the Sedgwick County Commission—will be approximately \$3.5 million. Citizens should expect the cost of their residential waste collection service to increase by at least three to four times the current cost.

Action: Received and filed.

4. Legislative Requests

Mike Taylor, Government Relation Director, has solicited recommendations for items to be included in the City of Wichita's legislative Program. The District II Advisory Board was given the opportunity to forward any requests.

Action: No recommendations made.

BOARD AGENDA

5. Homeowner Association Contacts

The District II Advisory Board discussed the need for a list of Homeowner and Neighborhood Associations within District II. This information would later be added to a map showing the location of these organizations.

Action: No action taken.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Submitted by,

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